

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Dresden-Elotzsche Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 23 April 1951, between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Dresden-Elotzsche airfield was observed from its southern and western edges. No aircraft were parked on the landing field. There was no flying. Eight Soviet soldiers were seen near the flight control station on the southeastern edge of the field and two patrols on the edge of the landing field. No other activity was observed at the field. There were no aeronautical instruments such as wind socks, anemeters, or antennas on the flight control building.
2. The sodded landing field had no hard surface runway. An asphalt taxiway which lead from the flight control station to the northeast was seen. Trucks each occupied by about 12 to 15 Soviet soldiers, were seen on the road from Elotzsche to the field. The soldiers wore black-bordered blue epaulets.
3. On 4 May between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m., no aircraft or flying activity was observed at the field. However, the entire southern section of the field was guarded by nine sentries. Four radio trucks and a radar set were seen between the flight control building and a wall running south of it. *

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Comment. No aircraft are stationed at the field. An LVD battalion and an unidentified air force ground unit are quartered in the barracks installations at the field. From the presence of the radar set, which was observed for the first time, it is inferred that the unit is possibly an air force signal unit. the set was of the Dumbo type. For location of radar set, see Annex.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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